



# Voyageurs National Park

## 2006 Education Program Spring Update

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### Spring is Here!

Voyageurs National Park is now scheduling spring field trips. Brief descriptions of several programs are provided below. Please call if you would like more information about a specific program, or if you have an idea for a program you don't see here.

Please contact [Teri Tucker at: \(218\) 283- 9107 ext. 6163](#) for more information or to schedule a program.

#### Pre- school & Kindergarten

##### Changing Seasons (30 minutes – 1 hour)

Join a park ranger for a walk and talk that celebrates the changing seasons and the arrival of Spring. A slide program with photos of park animals in different seasons is available. Children will also be taken on a "Color Walk" where we will practice identifying different colors from a small color book and then looking for them in the world around us. This program may be given at your school or at the park by request.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

##### Plant Discovery Hike (1 hour)



First graders will discover the amazing variety of plant life that can be seen on a short walk in the park. We will explore how the plants of the forest change in response to the seasons, and will engage in a scavenger hunt that will have kids looking high and low for the tallest of trees and the smallest of seedlings and plants.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

##### Exploring the Landscapes of National Parks across America

##### (30 minutes - 1 hour)

Your students will enjoy this ranger- narrated slide program that highlights a diverse array of landscapes and monuments protected in national parks. See towering redwood trees, colorful desert parks of the southwest, blue oceans of the southeast and beautiful images from our local national park. This program connects parks to locations on a map of the United States, and encourages children to connect different places with different natural features. This is a classroom presentation.



#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

##### Early Birds (1 hour)

Students will experience the risks and benefits of migration. They will learn to identify and observe migration behavior in a common bird through an active game. Kids will have the opportunity to make a take-home bird project after the migration game. Program may be given in the

classroom or at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Geography Field Trip (2 - 4 hours)



Students will learn how the environment and landscape specific to our area drew people to this region over time. Through games, activities and outdoor exploration students will learn about early Native American use of the area, how the interconnected waterways supported the Fur Trade, and how the geologic features specific to the Rainy Lake Fault line resulted in a short- lived gold rush. This field trip may take place in either the Rainy Lake or Ash River areas of the park.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Physical Geography Field Trip (2 - 4 hours)

This program has a classroom and a field- trip component that helps students to explore the geologic story of the Voyageurs National Park area through an understanding of the different rock types found here, the theory of plate tectonics and the erosive force of continental glaciers.

- Classroom Slide Program (~ 30 – 45 minutes)
- Field Trip to explore landscape features in the park (1 – 3 hours, may take place at the Rainy Lake or Ash River areas in the park).



## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Minnesota History Field Trip (2 - 4 hours)

Available for one week only (May 22 – 26, 2006)



Students will experience Minnesota's Fur Trade history first hand during a field trip to the Rainy Lake Visitor Center that includes a guided trip in a North Canoe. Space is VERY limited for these field trips, which must be reserved in advance. Trips will be booked on a first- come, first- served basis. Students from larger classes will need to take turns paddling the North Canoe while on- shore students participate in a guided hike or other activity. Canoe trips are weather dependent, and will be cancelled if conditions are inappropriate due to high winds or other safety concerns.

**Thank you to everyone who participated in our *Soar into Spring, Splash into Summer* Kid's Art Contest. We will announce the winners very soon, and will host an Award Ceremony during a special Family Fun Day at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center on April 22. Each child who entered the contest will receive a Certificate of Participation from the park.**